

BRAND NEW

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**A STUDY
GUIDE TO FIND
THE BRAND
NEW JESUS
PROMISED**

Week 4: BrandNew Community

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JESUS BRINGS NEW PEOPLE TO OUR LIVES.

1 PETER 2:9-12

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people, once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul keep your conduct among the gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

BrandNew Community.....

The crazy thing about starting brand new is that its not just about me. It's not just about myself, and my decisions, blazing out on this path alone. No, the success or failure of our hopeful endeavors is also hinged upon the people we decide to keep around us. The circle of people we allow to speak into our circumstances is just as important to its completion in our life.

This area of starting new is one of the most overlooked parts of starting new. We tirelessly work on our own hearts, ambitions, and lifestyle, but often forget to think about the people we allow to influence those things.

The best example of this is the person who struggles with drinking. This is an addiction that can be broken, but imagine how much harder it would be to find freedom and escape from this struggle if you still spend every night at the bar. Imagine the temptation you would feel to constantly take steps back if you spend every weekend running around with your drinking buddies. It would be even harder if they were drinking and you were.

Now, some people are able to do this, and with time most addicts are able to be around people who are drinking but at first its much wiser to make sure the people you're surrounding yourself with have the same heart, vision, and direction in life.

In the New Testament we see the beautiful phenomenon of the church. The church is the community of people God has called to fulfill his mission, in unity. This week we'll dig deeper into the purpose and passion of the church.

Sermon Notes:

We know Jesus has given us a new life, but how is this life different? What does it actually look like to live this new life and how do we do that? Today we'll talk through this.

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We are part of God's community now (17-19)
Royal Priesthood

Called

From darkness to marvelous light

We are called to Unity in Mercy (20-24)
Nothing else matters

Have you experienced Jesus.

We are brought together in our saltiness (25-32)

Light - salt analogy

Does our conduct show people Jesus?

Not perfect, just representations.

May you abandon the old to embrace the new.

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